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MEMORANDUM FOR: National Intelligence Officer for Nuclear Proliferation

SUBJECT : Deputy Director for Resource Management's Request for
Assessment of Nuclear Proliferation Intelligence
Activities

REFERENCE : NFAC-2887-78 (11 July 1978)

1. We have reviewed the questions concerning the progress and prospects of the community's nuclear proliferation program which you forwarded recently. We have no significant involvement in the areas of community priorities and common data bases and have no specific responses to make concerning them. We do, however, have an appreciation for the contribution that OIA's resources have been asked to make to the Agency's proliferation effort in the past and think that a comment on them would be appropriate.

2. For several years OIA has been assembling data on nuclear proliferation activity around the world. In the process of doing this, we have acquired very complete files on most proliferating nations. More important, we have developed a cadre of photo analysts with an excellent expertise in this field.

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[] The nature of the requirements for research by imagery analysts however, has usually been only for the general cataloging, by country, of facilities seen. There have been a few requests for in-depth imagery analysis of individual facilities, but no demand for a comprehensive, detailed study of a proliferating nation's nuclear program has surfaced. While we have initiated some research in this area--for example, our surveys of []--there has not been a continuing demand for our product by the other NFAC production offices.

3. For most of the past year OIA has dedicated [] analysts to work the proliferation problem--an increase of [] positions since 1976. However, the lack of a concerted NFAC research program has caused us to re-evaluate our resource allocation and we now are utilizing only [] analysts on proliferation projects. This decrease in committed resources is due to the apparent philosophy that there is not a need for a major imagery input to the proliferation problems and the need for qualified imagery analysts to support other, more dynamic research areas.

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4. Recent discussions with NFAC consumers of proliferation data
indicate that the present level of activity will continue into the
forseeable future.

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